



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Council Chambers, Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Lisa Dahn, Sarah Delia (staff), Maggie Ferron (staff), Jordana Frost, Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Heather Lasky, Rachel Leclerc, Jennifer Scanlon, Pat Schneider (staff), Judy Stoughton, and Kelly Zimmerman.

Regrets: Pat Michalak

Guests: Derek Dilaj, Sarah Woulfin

WHAT	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
CALL TO ORDER	Maggie Ferron called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of November 4, 2015.	<i>The November 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.</i>
GUEST SPEAKER	Derek Dilaj, Assistant Town Engineer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derek presented information on ways to improve transportation in Mansfield, including Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets Policy, and sidewalk priorities. He also said that the data included in the Mansfield Plan for Young Children helped the Public Works department apply for funding. Safe Routes to Schools is currently in the design phase with plans to bid to contractors in the winter of 2016-17 with construction in the spring and summer of 2017 with completion scheduled for fall of 2017. The Complete Streets Policy is being reviewed by several committees and is led by the Transportation Advisory Committee. 	
STAFF REPORT	Staff Report: Maggie Ferron <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Readiness Slot Allotment Policy: Maggie distributed a draft policy via email and the members will vote on the policy in January. The policy will also be sent to Gerri Rowell of the OEC. The draft letter to the DOT has been approved by Pat Schneider and will be sent to Matt Hart and WRTD for final approval. Chair and Membership Recruitment: Maggie Ferron <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee is working on Chair and Membership recruitment. 	

	<p>Communications Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie would like to change the pictures on the website to more local scenes. Evidently they are written in code and are very difficult to change • Want to make sure we got what we paid for and what we need. <p>Conversation Club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting on November 7 at Holinko Estates went great. The other dates at the Community Center were not as well attended. Suggestions were to expand the age range for kids attending, look at the venue, include a space for parents to gather and talk as well as spaces for young children and older children. • ELL has 4 links that students need to pass before passing out of ELL. Rachel mentioned that the ELL staff meets on December 18 at 7:40 am. Maggie is interested in attending. • Will need feedback to improve attendance at the Conversation Club. 	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Next Meeting Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Mental Health Resources on January 6 at the Senior Center. • The OEC Forum on February 3. • Possible Parent Advocacy and Parent Engagement for the March 2 meeting. <p>This is Cindy Guerreri's last meeting with us as Graustein liaison. December 17 will be the last Peer Exchange for the Discovery Program.</p> <p>Playground Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some teenagers have been playing on the community playground and there have been reports of swearing and threatening parents. • Is this something we need to address? • Want to emphasize positive messaging. • Possibility of security cameras? 	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council Meeting, Thursday, December 10, 2015, 10:00am – 11:30am, Youth Services Office</p> <p>Next Regular MAC Meeting, Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Senior Center.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia, Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners, and their families are connected to the community.